SPORT FISHING Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT **OF FISH & GAME**

Emergency Order No. 1-RS-D-21-11	Issued at Sitka, Wednesday,

July 13, 2011

Effective 11:59 p.m. Friday, Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Saturday, Date: July 15, 2011 December 31, 2011, unless superseded by

subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION: This emergency order closes the sockeye salmon sport fishery at Redoubt Lake effective 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 15, 2011. The area closed includes the waters of Redoubt Bay south of 56° 54.71' N. latitude, Redoubt Lake, and all freshwater drainages flowing into and from Redoubt Lake.

REGULATION: The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021 (g) (5) and 5 AAC 47.023 (g) (9) are superseded by this emergency order. Consistent with 5 AAC 01.760 Redoubt Bay and Lake sockeye salmon fisheries management plan, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

- (g) In the Sitka vicinity:
 - (5) In Redoubt Bay
 - (A) In all waters of Redoubt Bay south of 56° 54.71' N. latitude, sockeye salmon may not be possessed or retained; all sockeye salmon must be released immediately.

5 AAC 47.023. Special Provisions for waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits, and method and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

- (g) In the Sitka vicinity
 - (9) In the Redoubt Lake drainage, sockeye salmon may not be possessed or retained; all sockeye salmon must be released immediately.

	Commissioner
By delegation to:	
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JUSTIFICATION:

Sockeye salmon returns through the weir at Redoubt Lake have been monitored since June 10, 2011. The total escapement to date is 1,066 sockeye. Usually 21% of the escapement has returned to the lake by the present time. The current projected escapement is 5,568 fish for the 2011 season. Since this projection is below the lower bound of the optimal escapement goal of 7,000 sockeye for this system, the sport, commercial, and subsistence fisheries are being closed to provide for spawning escapement needs.

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>: The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.